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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY SENIOR FINNISH
MFA OFFICIAL, PAUL GUSTAFSSON

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1. THERE ARE NO SPECIAL REGULATIONS OR POLICIES GOVERNING
ACTIVITIES OF HONORARY CONSULS IN UNITED STATES, EXCEPT THAT
IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER
WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION
ACT AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, HONORARY CONSULS MUST
CONFINE THEIR OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES EXCLUSIVELY TO THOSE
RECOGNIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS BEING WITHIN SCOPE OF
FUNCTIONS OF SUCH OFFICERS. IN DETERMINING WHAT ARE THE
PROPER FUNCTIONS OF CONSULAR OFFICERS, WHETHER OF CAREER OR
HONORARY, DEPARTMENT IS GUIDED BY ARTICLE 5 OF VIENNA
CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS, IN FORCE FOR UNITED
STATES SINCE DECEMBER 24, 1969. FUNCTIONS ON WHICH AMBASSA-
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DOR GUSTAFSSON APPARENTLY WILL SEEK TO STEP UP ACTIVITY OF
HONORARY CONSULS IN US, IN DEPARTMENT'S OPINION, FALL WELL
WITHIN ARTICLE 5 (B), WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
FURTHERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL,
AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SENDING STATE AND
THE RECEIVING STATE AND OTHERWISE PROMOTING FRIENDLY
RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS

OF THE PRESENT CONVENTION UNQUOTE ON OTHER HAND,
DISSEMINATION OF POLITICAL PROPAGANDA, PUBLIC RELATIONS
ACTIVITY, SOLICITATION OF FUNDS, OR ATTEMPTING TO
INFLUENCE AN AGENCY OR OFFICIAL OF USG OR ANY SEGMENT OF
AMERICAN PUBLIC ON BEHALF OF SENDING STATE, FOR EXAMPLE,
FALL WITHIN SCOPE OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES NORMALLY REQUIR-
ING REGISTRATION UNDER FARA AND WOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS
ACCEPTABLE CONSULAR FUNCTIONS.

2. GUSTAFSSON MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED TO REVIEW ENTIRE
LIST OF RECOGNIZED CONSULAR FUNCTIONS IN ARTICLE 5. CHRISTOPHER

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